

Amendments to the Claims:

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by strikethrough and underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

1.-19. (canceled)

20. (new) A method for identifying required updates of test scripts used to test an application, the method comprising:

capturing auxiliary data items associated with the application, the auxiliary data items including information about how the application works;

recording one or more test scripts, each test script corresponding to a user's interactions with the application;

correlating the captured auxiliary data items with at least one of user interface objects, properties, functionality, data requirements, and workflow associated with the application to generate mapping data;

determining, from the mapping data, which test scripts reference each user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow;

storing information about which test scripts reference each user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow;

determining that one of the auxiliary data items has been altered, the alteration of the one of the auxiliary data items indicating a particular manner in which the application has been altered;

consulting the stored information to identify test scripts that reference a user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow corresponding to the altered one of the auxiliary data items; and

reporting the identified test scripts to a user.

21. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein the recording includes recording default values relied upon by the application during the user's interaction with the application, the default values being included with the test script.

22. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein the recording includes recording auxiliary data items corresponding to the user's interaction with the application.

23. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein the correlating is performed in conjunction with the recording.

24. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein capturing auxiliary data items associated with the application includes querying a database that includes auxiliary data associated with the application.

25. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein capturing auxiliary data items associated with the application includes querying an auxiliary data file that includes auxiliary data associated with the application.

26. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein capturing auxiliary data items associated with the application includes calling an Application Programming Interface (API) that returns the auxiliary data items.

27. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein capturing auxiliary data items associated with the application includes querying a Web service that returns the auxiliary data items.

28. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein correlating the captured auxiliary data items with at least one of user interface objects, properties, functionality, data requirements, and workflow associated with the application to generate mapping data includes:

identifying a tag associated with a user interface object with which the user interacts while operating the application; and
mapping the tag to a corresponding auxiliary data item.

29. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein storing information about which test scripts reference each user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow includes:

storing a record of each auxiliary data item and the test scripts that reference the user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow to which that auxiliary data item corresponds.

30. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein determining that one of the auxiliary data items has been altered includes comparing the mapping data with current auxiliary data associated with the application.

31. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

prompting a user to generate a new test script to test a user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow corresponding to the altered one of the auxiliary data items.

32. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

prompting a user to alter a test script to test a user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow corresponding to the altered one of the auxiliary data items.

33. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

prompting a user to remove a test script referencing at least one of user interface objects, properties, functionality, data requirements, and workflow that have been deleted from the application based on a determination that corresponding auxiliary data items have been deleted from a source of current auxiliary data associated with the application.

34. (new) A system for managing test scripts used to test an application, the system comprising:

a processor;

a memory device; and

a plurality of instructions stored on the memory device, the plurality of instructions configured to cause the processor to:

capture auxiliary data items associated with the application, the auxiliary data items including information about how the application works;

record one or more test scripts, each test script corresponding to a user's interactions with the application;

correlate the captured auxiliary data items with at least one of user interface objects, properties, functionality, data requirements, and workflow associated with the application to generate mapping data;

determine, from the mapping data, which test scripts reference each user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow;

store information about which test scripts reference each user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow;

determine that one of the auxiliary data items has been altered, the alteration of the one of the auxiliary data items indicating a particular manner in which the application has been altered;

consult the stored information to identify test scripts that reference a user interface object, property, functionality, data requirement, or workflow corresponding to the altered one of the auxiliary data items; and

report the identified test scripts to a user.